

TO GET DOWN TO  
WORK THIS WEEK

## Committees of the Two Houses to Be Read Out To-Day

**NEW FURNITURE  
NOW IN PLACE**

Every Comfort and Convenience  
Provided for Members—Com-  
mittees to Consider Bills  
To-morrow Some  
Matters to Be  
Pressed.

With the announcement of the standing committees in both houses of the General Assembly to-day the body will be in a position to get fairly down to business before the end of the week, the beautiful new desks for the members having arrived and been placed yesterday. In addition to the interest felt in the announcement of the committees, there will be a good deal of talk concerning the second and joint caucus to be held at 3 o'clock to-night in the hall of the House of Delegates, but no more fierce contests are expected. The meeting will be for the nomination of city judges, and but few of them have opposition.

The furniture is now all in place, and the seats have been assigned to the senators and members of the two chambers. The United States senators have been assigned beautiful new seats.

gorgeous, in their appearance, every piece of the furniture being of pure mahogany. The desks are very similar to those used in the United States Congress, and are greatly admired by the members and the public. Two circular mahogany tables have been placed in front of the rostrums of the two houses for representatives of the press, and the reporters are given chairs to match the

Coat and hat racks of the same material have been put in and on the second floor. But the most interesting feature is the new mahogany clock. He has also put umbrella stands in the Senate clock room. Telephones have been installed in the Senate, and in a few days it is expected that one of the telegraph companies will put in an instrument and keep an operator in the building. So the new Senate will be more convenient and the two chambers will be more comfortable.

### The Chairmanship.

Now as to the committees to be named to-day. Speaker Cardwell, of the lower branch, has his ready, and the Senate "Steering Committee" will meet at the Westmoreland Club at 10 o'clock this morning to complete the list for the upper house. Neither the members of the "Steering Committee" nor Speaker Cardwell are talking about their appointments.

well as the names of the members but here are the names of those who will almost certainly head the most important subdivisions of the two houses.

On the Senate side there will be:

Privileges and Elections—George S. Shackelford, Orange.

Finance—Henry F. Wickham, Hanover.

Courts of Justice—William Hodge Mann, Nottingham.

Public Institutions and Education—George B. Kezelex, Rockingham.

General Laws—William Shands, Southampton.

Roads—P. F. St. Clair, Giles.

Counties, Cities and Towns—John S. Chapman, Greene.

Agriculture—W. S. Garrett, Henry.

Fish and Game—C. Harding Walker, Northumberland.

Enrolled Bills—A. F. Thomas, Lynchburg.

These will probably preside over the important House committees:

Finance—James B. C.

Privileges and Elections—James R. Catton, Alexandria.  
Courts of Justice—R. E. Lee, Jr., Fairfax.  
General Laws—E. P. Cox, Richmond.  
city.  
Roads—John W. Churchman, Augustine.  
Finance—Tipton D. Jennings, Lynchburg.  
Claims—Thomas H. Lion, Prince William.  
Militia and Police—E. W. Owens, Norfolk city.  
Asylums and Prisons—George T. Sneed, Princess Anne.  
Schools and Colleges—N. B. Earle, Greene.  
Banks, Currency and Commerce—W. W. Baker, Chesterfield.  
Agriculture—J. J. Owen, Prince Edward.  
Only two members of the important committee on Counties, Cities and Towns were returned. They are Missouri, Cox and E. W. Owens, and if they get the

new man will preside over Counties, Cities and Towns.

The committees will hardly consider any bills before to-morrow, but none of them lack for material on which to proceed. Important measures relating to good roads, public education and many other public questions of interest to the people of the State have already been referred, and others will pour in on both sides this week.

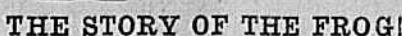
It is that planning the appointment of com-  
missioners of the revenue in the hands  
of the circuit judges. The measure was  
first offered in the Senate and  
House, respectively, by Messrs. Chapman  
and Early, both of Greene.

Captain Camm Pettit expects to push  
the matter recommended by the gov-  
ernor in relation to changing the system  
of checking the rolls. Messrs. the fast-  
est at the seat of government, and he  
will be warmly supported on both sides  
of the Capitol.

### Press Other Bills.

Hon. Harry Glenn will make a strong  
fight for his bill to create a traveling  
auditor, and Colonel Catton will insist upon  
the passing of his measure doubling the  
appropriations for public schools, in view  
of the demands to Confederate soldiers,  
and distributing the tax on the rolling  
stock of railroads among the counties  
where the lines run.

Mr. Thomas will make strenuous effort  
to have all primary elections legalized  
and the election of judges made a matter  
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## REACH VERDICT IN MILLER CASE

### Counsel for Midshipman Urged That He Had Acted in "Valid Discretion."

## MERIWETHER BEFORE COURT

Alleged That the Latter Made  
the Boys Do the "Sixteenth"  
and "Rabbit Dance."

(By Associated Press.)

ANNAPOLIS, MD., January 15.—The trial of the case of Midshipman John P. Miller, first class, on the charge of hazing four midshipmen, was continued to-day and a verdict reached. Midshipman Minor Mariwether, Jr., was then brought before the court. The charge against him is hazing, and there are six specifications in support of it. He is alleged that he hazed six midshipmen in the following manner: On September and October by compelling them to stand on their hands and to do the "sixteenth" and the "rabbit dance."

At the request of James M. Munroe, his counsel, the trial was postponed until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Mr. Munroe said that he was taking time to consider what would challenge some of the members of the court, but did not state on what grounds.

Colonel Lauchelmer, counsel for Miller in his argument maintained that Miller had acted "in the valid exercise of his authority as first class officer." He maintained that the punishment was

mandated that the regulations clearly vested a discretion in a midshipman officer. "The fact that Miller had reprimanded the other classmen who sent the plebes to his room, showed very clearly," the counsel said, "that Miller did the things alleged, because he was indignant at his treatment."

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LONDON, January 15.—Herman Charles Merivale, barrister and author, died to-day. He was born in 1839.

ago the employe was confronted with the evidence and confessed. It has not been decided what action will be taken against him.

MRS. TAGGART AND SONS  
FLEE FROM THE MAJOR

Times-Star to-day published a story to the effect that Mrs. Grace Taggart, who was to have appeared in the Wooster court to-day in connection with her recent divorce from Captain E. F. Taggart.

**Mrs. Thompson and Sons Sail.**  
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